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SUBJECT: PRETORIA AGREEMENT: VORSTER-SMITH RELATIONS COOL;
DE KOCK TO MOZAMBIQUE

1. ZAMBIAN PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR MARK CHONA DESCRIBED IAN SMITH AT AUG 9 PRETORIA MEETING AS DELIBERATELY ISOLATED BY SAG PM VORSTER WHO WAS BOTH TOUGH AND COOL TOWARDS SMITH. BETWEEN MEETINGS SMITH WAS LEFT "DISTINCTLY ALONE". VORSTER SEVERAL TIMES STRODE OFF, LEAVING SMITH TO APPEAR HELPLESS. IN CONTRAST, VORSTER AND RHODESIAN MINISTER OF INFORMATION DEKOCK WERE FREQUENTLY SEEN TOGETHER EXCHANGING CONFIDENCES.

2. WHILE CHONA WAS BRIEFING ME ON PRETORIA AGREEMENT AND CLOUDED PROSPECTS FOR VICTORIA FALLS MEETING (SEPTTEL), CONVERSATION WAS INTERRUPTED BY TELEPHONE CALL FROM SALISBURY. IT WAS OFFICE OF MINISTER OF INFORMATION DE KOCK CALLING ABOUT ARRANGEMENTS WHICH RHODESIAN WHITE SETTLER GROUP ASKED CHONA TO MAKE FOR MEETING WITH MOZAMBIKAN SAMORA MACHEL, SIMILAR TO THE TALKS RHODESIANS HAD IN ZAMBIA TO ASSESS EFFECTIVENESS OF MULTIRACIAL SOCIETY. CHONA SAID TO TELL DEKOCK THERE
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WAS "TOO MUCH NOISE COMING FROM SMITH". TURNING FROM PHONE,

CHONA SAID THERE WERE TOO MANY RISKS FOR ZAMBIANS AT THIS TIME
TO PROCEED WITH ARRANGEMENTS. HE ADDED OAU MUST NEVER HAVE
ANY DOUBTS ABOUT ZAMBIA. CHONA MEANT ZAMBIA WOULD EXPOSE ITSELF
TO AFRICAN CRITICISM IF IT HELPED RHODESIANS AT MOMENT WHEN
SMITH HAD INSULTED ANC LEADERSHIP ON WAY TO VICTORIA FALLS
MEETING.
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